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Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Illinois and federal and state law enforcement along with community groups will take part in the observance of **National Methamphetamine Day on Thursday, November 30, 2006.**

The production, distribution and use of methamphetamine is extremely dangerous, leading to severe and tragic consequences particularly to the youth of this country. The United States Attorney's Office is dedicated to eliminating this community threat through prosecution of those who manufacture and distribute the drug, while educating those who might try methamphetamine of the devastating consequences of its use.

For more information regarding methamphetamine and the dangers associated with its manufacture and use, please visit the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois' web page at <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/ils/>.

## **National Methamphetamine Day Awareness Activities**

At 7:00 p.m. on November 27, 2006, the Illinois State Police Methamphetamine Response Team and the Metropolitan Enforcement Group of Southwestern Illinois, in conjunction with the United States Attorney's Office, will be conducting a methamphetamine awareness class at the Smithton Fire Department. The meeting is open to the public, but seating is limited. Those wishing to attend should contact Sgt. Joe Beliveau at (618) 346-3750.

Charter Communications is broadcasting two programs back to back on local access channel 8 (in the Metro East) through the end of the year. The programs are: ***Methamphetamine Awareness*** and ***Silence the Violence, Youth and Guns: a Devastating Combination***. The programs air at 5 p.m. on Monday, at 10 p.m. on Wednesday and 10:30 p.m. on Friday. The program was funded in cooperation with the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhood.